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For : A METHOD OF EXCHANGING DIGITAL DATA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in an International

Search Report, issued on February 4, 1999, for counterpart patent application no.

PCT/SG99/00020, to the Examiner's attention:

EP 0 328 232 A2, published on August 16, 1989, was cited as an A-Category document (i.e., a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1, 3, and 5. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; page 3, line 30 - page 4, line 53; page 5, line 22 - page 9, line 35; and figs. 1-3 to be relevant;

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WO 96/02 993 A2, published on February 1, 1996, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 3, and 5. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; page 1, line 2 - page 10, line 8 to be relevant;

EP 0 578 059 A1, published on January 12, 1994, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 3, 5, and 7. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; page 4, lines 11-28 to be relevant; and

WO 93/03 562 A1, published on February 18, 1993, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 3, and 5. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; page 1, line 6 - page 3, line 16; page 11, line 7 - page 15, line 18; fig. 1 and 2 to be relevant.

Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as a copy of the International Search Report are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Further, the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed documents and to indicate such consideration by initialing the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action of the merits has not issued in the instant application. Therefore, no fee is required to ensure consideration of this statement.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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